WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for controlling scanning devices using control sheets, comprising the steps of:

   a) starting an imaging job;

   b) locating a control image within said imaging job;

   c) processing control instructions from said control image; and

   d) creating output in accordance with said control instructions.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said scanning job is an image acquisition task.

10 3. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said scanning job is an image production task.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is text.

15 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is numbers.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said method includes the steps of locating a second control image and processing that control image.

8. A method for controlling imaging devices using control sheets, comprising the steps of:

   a) starting an imaging job;

   b) locating a control image within said imaging job;

   c) creating output for said imaging job; and

d) processing control instructions from said control image and using said control instructions for managing said output.

9. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said scanning job is an image acquisition task.

5 10. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said scanning job is an image production task.

11. The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said scanning job is an image production task.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is in machine-readable

10   format.

13. The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is text.

14. The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is numbers.

15. The method of claim 8 wherein said method includes the steps of locating a second control image and processing said second control image.